

days you are going to discover the 20% isn't going to cover it and that is why I am reluctant to use this bill to make any changes in numbers. We've already been hitting the front pages with one thing saying, we increase to 20% in LB 59. Let's take the power and the responsibility and I have told Bob, told Governor Kerrey, I think he is making a mistake doing this. I think he should keep it. As a Governor I think he should keep it but he wants to give it up. I am willing to take it and I think the members here might be, but remember he is giving up that power and authority then. It is a new world. The bill should be used for one purpose then, making a determination as to whether we take that power, authority and responsibility or whether we leave it over there. I am willing, as I said, to take it and then if we do take it, we decide separately what will the tax rates have to be. And I believe even on the \$750 million budget of the Governor you now are going to discover or discover within ten to fifteen days that it is going to take a sales tax increase based on current revenues and an income tax increase and I hate to say it, but I think that is going to be what we find out. The Newell amendment, I repeat, tries to bifurcate the responsibility by saying, you, Governor and administration, have all the personnel and all the information and you, Legislature, have all the responsibility. You take her all or you keep her all. You can't have it both ways.

PRESIDENT: The Chair would interrupt the debate briefly to announce that guests of Senator Kahle are in the North balcony, 8 seniors of Government Studies from Wilcox High School in Wilcox, Nebraska, accompanied by Mr. Ken Meyers, teacher. We have on debate now at the present time, the Newell amendment to a Warner amendment and the Chair recognizes Senator Kilgarin.

SENATOR KILGARIN: Thank you, Mr. President, unfortunately I have to rise to oppose my cosponsor on this friendly amendment to Senator Warner's amendment. I think Senator DeCamp made some excellent points. We are talking about the Legislature taking the responsibility it should have taken back in 1967 when the sales and income tax law was passed. I cannot agree with Senator Newell in his idea that the executive branch through the Department of Revenue should still control essentially all the data we need to make the decision that hopefully through 169 we will be setting the tax rates taking that responsibility which is ours. So I would urge you to vote against Senator Newell's amendment to the Warner amendment.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion to the Newell amendment to the Warner amendment? If not..Senator Carsten.